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NEWS

SHIRIAH

As the Shalhevet goes to press all Morashaniks are getting ready for SHIRIAH, one of the annual highlights of the summer season. Under the direction of our talented and dedicated music director, Sandy Sudberg, and her staff Daniel Henkin, Randi Sorscher, Avigayil Mogilner and Daniel Freeman, all campers and staff from Day Camp through Machon will delight us with a few melodic tunes. Competing against each other are girls' campus and boys' campus, each performing three numbers. The selections for girls' campus are *ליל נשׁוּבָה*, *ליל נשׁוּבָה* and *ליל נשׁוּבָה* an original composition by Sandy Sudberg. The boys will sing *ליל נשׁוּבָה*, *ליל נשׁוּבָה* and *ליל נשׁוּבָה*. We will also be privileged to hear the sweet voices of our Day Campers singing Shalom Aleichem and Moshe Emet. Machon will entertain us by singing *ליל נשׁוּבָה* and *ליל נשׁוּבָה*. In addition to the music staff providing instrumental accompaniment, are Maish Yarmush on the flute, Ari Boiagiu (Ilanot) on the guitar and Brian Raymond (canteen) on the drums. As always choosing the winner will be difficult as the whole camp is sure to perform superbly.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Zush and Matie Motechin on the engagement of their son Yitzchak to Sharon Lefkowitz.

Mazel Tov to Zalmy Schiowitz of Bunk 8 on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbos, Shabbos Nachamu Parshat V'Etchanan.

ONEG SHABBOS

All Machon and staff members are cordially invited to attend this week's Oneg Shabbos in the Pargod at 10:15 PM. The guest speaker will be Professor Barry Levy, father of Jonathan Levy, a machon counselor. His topic will be "Are you a stranger in Paradise?"

CANDLELIGHTING TIME THIS WEEK IS AT 7:10pm.

MACHON LEARNOTHON

Wednesday evening, July 27th at 9:00 PM, Machon will be sponsoring its third annual Learnathon. The Machoniks and their counselors will begin the evening with an introductory shiur by Rabbi Allen Schwartz. They will then break off into groups to learn pre-prepared shiurim ranging in issues from the ethics of truth telling, and tznius to Kol Isha and Messianic prophecies. In addition to the learning this program also raises funds for charitable projects. The Machoniks will be scouring the camp for those who will sponsor their learning on an hourly basis. The amount to be donated is up to the discretion of the sponsor. This year all proceeds of the learnathon will be donated to the Solomon family in Israel whose son is suffering from cancer and needs an expensive life-saving operation. One and all join in sponsoring Torah and Gemilus Chasadim!

CURRICULUM SYMPOSIUM

This past Tuesday afternoon, Rabbi Allen Schwartz introduced his new Tanach curriculum to the educators at Camp Morasha. The curriculum at this point comprises the Books of Yehoshua and Shofetim and introduces innovative approaches to teaching these books in a Day School setting. Anyone who is interested in following up on this is invited to speak to Rabbi Schwartz.

REMINDER: There will be a Melave Malka for all staff this Motzei Shabbos in the dining room.

Thank you to all the members of the office staff for all their help in the publication of the Shalhevet.

Alisa Schwartz, Editor



גדולי היישוב

SALANT, SAMUEL (1816-1909), chief rabbi of Jerusalem and one of the foremost 19th-century rabbis in Jerusalem. Born near Bialystok (Russia, now Poland), Salant studied at yeshivot in Vilna, Salant, and Volozhin. His second wife was the daughter of Joseph Sundel *Salant, who inspired the Musar movement, and he continued studying at his father-in-law's house. He set out for Erez Israel in 1840, but was delayed for a few months in Constantinople, where he first met Sir Moses *Montefiore, with whom he established a firm friendship. In 1841 he reached Jerusalem, where the heads of the *kolel Lita* appointed him rabbi of the Ashkenazi community. A leading figure in Jerusalem, he became Ashkenazi chief rabbi in 1878, holding the position until his death. Salant strove to develop the institutions of the Ashkenazi community, which increased from 500 members at his arrival to 30,000 at the time of his death, and succeeded in obtaining for the Ashkenazim the official status previously enjoyed only by the Sephardi community. Between 1848 and 1851 and in 1860 he traveled to several European countries to collect money for religious institutions in Jerusalem. Salant was a founder of the Ez Hayyim Talmud Torah and Yeshivah, the Bikkur Holim Hospital, and the Keneset Israel General Committee, which united all the *kolelim* under a single administration. He also encouraged the establishment of the Jewish quarters, such as Me'ah She'arim, Keneset Israel, and others, outside the Old City walls. His only son, BEINUSH, was one of the seven founders of the Nahalat Shivah quarter. Salant's attitude to the Haskalah movement and Zionism was moderate. He favored the introduction of Hebrew and Arabic into the curriculum of the Talmud Torah schools and opposed the excommunications pronounced by zealots on "modernists." He also tried to lessen the friction between the veteran settlement and the new *yishuv*, combated the activities of the mission schools and ameliorated the relations between the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities.

Salant lived an exemplary life of the utmost frugality. He devoted himself without stint to the needs of his community, even in the last years of his long life when his eyesight was affected. In his method of study he tended toward the plain meaning, eschewing *pilpul*, and followed the *minhag* of *Elijah, the Gaon of Vilna. He was an outstanding *posek*, distinguishing himself by his power of decision, and showed a definite tendency toward leniency in his decisions.

Some of his novellae have been published in the talmudic journals *Torat Ziyon* and *Torah Or* and in the *Ha-Tevunah* of Israel *Lipkin (Salanter). They are also found in the works of contemporary rabbis. On his 90th birthday, in 1906, the Keren Shemu'el Fund was launched in Jerusalem.



KOOK (Kuk), ABRAHAM ISAAC (1865-1935), rabbinical authority and thinker: first Ashkenazi chief rabbi of modern Erez Israel. Born in Greiva (now Griva), Latvia. Kook received the type of Jewish education that was customary in 19th-century Eastern Europe. At a very early age he showed independence of mind and far-reaching curiosity. Desirous to supplement his traditional education which was restricted to the study of Talmud, he undertook the study of the Bible, Hebrew language, Jewish and general philosophy, and mysticism. In 1888 he was appointed rabbi of Zaumel, and in 1895 became rabbi of Bausk (now Bauska). In 1904 he immigrated to Erez Israel, where he served as rabbi of Jaffa. There he fostered close ties with people of all shades of opinion and belief. He identified with the Zionist movement, thus antagonizing the rabbinical establishment, and at the same time, engaged in a vigorous debate with the irreligious pioneers. In his effort to urge traditional Jews to fulfill the Zionist ideal, he traveled to Europe in 1914 to participate in a conference of *Agudat Israel. Unable to return to Erez Israel because of the outbreak of World War I, Kook accepted a temporary position as the rabbi of the Mahzikei ha-Dat congregation in London, where he was very active in trying to influence the Jews of England to back Zionist political activity. Upon returning to Palestine after the war, Kook was appointed chief rabbi of Jerusalem, and with the formation of the chief rabbinate in 1921 he was elected the first Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Palestine.

Torah Thoughts

"AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD" by Dror Barber H.S.
Kollel

The Chofetz Chaim in his sefer, *פני חן* asks an obvious question. How can Hashem command us on a *מצוה* that's *על* on a person's thoughts. All the *מצוות* in the Torah have a *מטעם* so where's the *מטעם* by the *מצוה* of *אהבה*?

The simple answer is that the reading of the parshiyot of the *תורה* is the action of this mitzvah of *אהבה*. However this is difficult to say since a person can read the words without really loving Hashem.

The answer to this question can be answered through a *פסוק* of a rich master and his poor servant. One day the master had to go away on a trip, so he gave his servant a list of things to take care of everyday while he was gone. However, in order that his servant should not forget from day to day he told him that everyday he should review the list. When the master returned from his trip he asked his servant, "Did you do all that I told you." The servant replied "Yes Master, I read and reviewed the sheet everyday." The master frowned and exclaimed, "You fool, you think I gave you this list so you shouldn't forget your duties that you had to carry out each day."

So to *קיים* is that same list of things we must do. By reading this list everyday we will be reminded of our goals and the commandments we must fulfill. However true *אהבה* of G-d does not come by just reading the list. We must live the *מצוות* through the actions of our mitzvot. When we perform them we must show through our deeds that we do this out of true love of G-d. Therefore in each act we perform, we do the *מצוה* of *אהבה* in that action. Here in Camp Morasha let us strengthen ourselves and make sure that we are *קיים* this mitzvah within all the actions we do.

"SERVE YOUR PARENTS--LIVE A LONG LIFE" A Dvar Torah on Parshat VaEtchanan by Rabbi Matt Tropp

"Honor your father and mother...so that you will live long...(Devarim 5:16)." Why does the Torah flash the advertisement of long life for the mitzva of Kibud Av U'eim? Rabbeinu Don Yitzchak Abarbanel answers this question in an original way. Do not think that the Torah is revealing the *גמול*, the reward for this mitzva. For we keep all of the mitzvos out of Ahavas Hashem, without thought of the reward. Rather, this mitzva is showing us the way to preserve the Mesorah of Torah. From whom does a child learn how to keep mitzvos, how to make a bracha, how to appreciate Hashem and how to view Torah? Mostly from his parents. For, we all know that teachers can best teach those who want to learn but cannot be as successful with those who do not value the subject matter of Torah studies. It is our parents, by their living example, who impress upon the importance of Hashem, Torah and Klal Yisroel. If a child honors his parents and recognizes them as an important link to Matan Torah from whom we must strive to learn everything that we can, then that child will himself become a strong link in the chain of mesorah. This is how we will earn "long-life", not through the Kibud Av U'eim itself, but through the overall shmiras HaTorah that he has gained from his parents.

Now we have another reason for the mitzva of Kibud Av U'eim, courtesy of the Abarbanel. Not only must we appreciate their having given birth to us and nurtured us physically but they can be and should be our connections to Har Sinai and Hashem, and our guarantors of a good, long life. Therefore, after Shabbos, let us all write to our parents and thank them for sending us to Camp Morasha--the camp with a Torah Ruach!

FEATURES

STAFF CLOSEUP

New on staff this summer is Shira Moskowitz, who spends most of her day at the Merkazia creating the scenery and putting together props for the plays that our campers will perform in. Shira loves her job at camp. Although she literally spends many hours behind the scenes, she is enjoying her summer at Morasha. Shira loves the people she is working with and thinks that they are all terrific people and lots of fun to be with.

Shira came to be at Morasha through her sister-in-law Ruchie Winkler, our girls' head counselor. She brings her two children, Samantha and Micah, with her. Shira is very excited that her children are also having a great summer at camp. They love Day Camp and they love spending the summer with their aunts Ruchie and Tamar (a day camp counselor and Shira's sister).

During the year Shira lives in Brooklyn. There she is involved in a program, where she teaches teachers in public schools how to teach art to children. She also works on scenery for Flatbush.

THE OVERNIGHT

BY Yael Bresler and Ora H. Zucker

The Nitzanim girls had the time of their life on the overnight. They didn't have to go to sleep at 8:00 PM. We slept in cozy tents. There were no bears! We played fun games. We had excellent guides, Tomer and Yehuda, who gave us little flags. We got to make our own campfire. Right before we ate dessert, Daniel, Daniel and Randi came and played sad songs. We all sang along. Then Mrs. Zucker came to tell us a story. It was great and we enjoyed it. For dessert we had fluff sticks. In the morning we made another fire to make pita bread. After Birkat Hamazon we left. On the way back Taly Davis found a grasshopper. We had a great time even if the counselors might not have enjoyed it.

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THE AHAVAS CHINAM CLUB

We have a club it's called ACC
It's a very very special place to be
Chesed we do for one another
We never say no it's a bother
All Nitzanim are members of this club

You don't need any tickets, raffles or stub

Just be the best person that you can be

Always greet everyone filled with glee

Ahavat Chinam Club is our name
Being baalot chesed - our claim to fame

We try to treat all with the greatest of care

Show consideration and always share

We wear our ribbons with great pride

And meanness in our hearts we never hide

We have a special signal for all to see

And hope with our chesed to bring Moshiach speedily

JEWISH SPORTS TRIVIA

1. This Jewish pitcher won two games and had two saves in the 1959 World Series.

2. Babe Ruth's final home run for the Yankees was hit off of this Jewish pitcher.

3. This Jewish pitcher had the game winning hit in the 1940 All Star Game at Sportsman Park.

4. This Jewish player stole home in the 1934 World Series.

5. What do Bo Belinsky and Joe Ginsburg have in common?

Answers

1. Larry Sherry

2. Syd Cohen

3. Harry Danning

4. Hank Greenberg

5. They both caught no-hitters and were both Jewish.

MITZVAH TOON CONTEST

Submit a cartoon drawing of your favorite mitzvah or chesed to the Shalhevet box at the girl's HC or Library. The best drawing will be published in the next issue.

TANACH TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Rules: Answers should be returned in writing to the SHALHEVET box at the library by Tuesday. Please include your name, bunk number or position in camp. Bunks may work together as a unit if they wish. Winners will have their names published in the next issue of the SHALHEVET. Also any individual or bunk that answers ten out of ten will be taken to DJ's. Good Luck!

1. Which נאן was told not to marry?

2. The word נאנא appears in only one book of Tanach outside of Tehilim. Which book?

3. The kingdom of Yehuda was once ruled by a woman. Who was it?

4. Who was the first נאנא after Yehoshua died?

5. Which נאנא crowned נאנא king?

6. Which נאנא said that the four fast days will one day be festivals?

7. List three books in Tanach that have a substantial amount of Aramaic in it.

8. What was נאנא's first capital city?

9. Who chose soldiers based on the way they drank water?

10. Where was the moon held up by Yehoshua?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. The 9th of Tammuz is the date in Tanach for the breach in the wall of Yerushalayim before חנן/יתאן.

2. נאנא/נאנא was נאנא/נאנא.

3. נאנא/נאנא comes before נאנא in נאנא.

4. נאנא refrained from eating meat and drinking water for three weeks. (Some say three weeks)

5. נאנא said Yerushalayim and her captives will be redeemed by נאנא/נאנא.

6. Yermiyahu gave נאנא/נאנא for forty years.

7. Yermiyahu was taken to נאנא after the נאנא.

8. נאנא and ten men killed נאנא/נאנא.

9. נאנא gave the most musar about rebuilding the Beit Hamikdash.

10. נאנא describes how to rebuild the Beit Hamikdash.

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 8

MOVING REPORTER

HOW WOULD YOU DEAL WITH THE MOTH PROBLEM AT CAMP MORASHA?

1. Julie Ackerman Day Camp Counselor - Go to DJ's.
2. Daniel Adams Waiter - Put them in the Maharal's attic.
3. Daniel Gibber Alufim Division Head - Burn them with the midnight oil.
4. Barbara Deutsch Machon Supervisor - Throw them a party.
5. Anonymous - Bring in the Schwartzenger.
6. Jeff Bloom Infirmary Escort - Ask them where Ari is.
7. Ari Rockoff Machon Counselor - What moth problem?
8. Elaine Koller Boys Woodshop - Move to Alaska.
9. Daniel Henkin Music Staff - Feed them to Avigayil.
10. Jonathan Schacter JC B14 - Give them milk it does the body good.
11. Mark Rosenbaum and Teddy Scher Waiters - Have Hashem take care of them.
12. Rabbi Wruble - Make mothball soup.
13. Rabbi Oratz Ed Staff - Let nature take its course.
14. Mrs. Zucker Ed Staff - Call Moth Busters.
15. Jonathan Whogelanter B11 and Donny Weichholz B10 - Collect them.
16. Effie Gluck B10 - Take them to DJ's.
17. Dov Wiener B13 - Sick the triplets on them.
18. Avi Shainhouse B14 - Nothing they'll go away.
19. Ariel Davis B10 - Feed them camp food.
20. Noam Osband B12 - Get rid of the lights.
21. Machon Boys - Steal everyone's right shoe, girl's buddy board, and golf carts.
22. Bradley Welcher B14 - Bring back the bears.
23. Eli Galler B9 - Hire an exterminator.
24. Michael Gibber B3 - Feed them to the chefs.
25. Jason Koslowe B7 - Bring in frogs to eat them.
26. Josef Schenker B9 - Feed them to bad kids.
27. Benjy Vago B3 - Step on them.
28. Ari Hoshander B13 - Torch and spray them.
29. H. Lecter - Collect them.
30. Moshe Zigelman B15 - Find the biggest one and kill it.
31. Monty Steckler B14 - Eat them.
32. Josh Richman B15 - I don't know.
33. Daniel Spring B15 - Let Yoni Epstein take care of them.
34. Anonymous - Bring in a pack of dogs.

FAMOUS QUOTES ABOUT THE MOTHS

Shulamith Cohn - I live in a MOTHOLIUM.

Sandy Sudberg - Next week's Torah reading will be Parshat Acharei Moth.

ANSWERS TO THE FUN PAGE

1. ice cube 2. the underdog 3. what goes up must come down 4. tea for two 5. bags under eyes 6. room for one more 7. unfinished symphony 8. turned tables 9. on the last lap 10. mom in law.